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Dear Jamie,

**DC/23/4464/FUL**

**Proposal:** Retention of relocation and extension of a private way into an agricultural paddock

**Site address:** The Old Piggery, The Street, Kettleburgh, Suffolk

I write for and on behalf of Kettleburgh Parish Council.

Council considered the above planning application at its meeting on 22/01/2024 and **resolved to object** based on the absence of material in the application assessing the impact of the development on the wider built and natural environment and specifically a Flood and Drainage Plan.

Council very much appreciates the effort the applicant has made in engaging with the community and Parish Council and is open minded about development on their land. But that contact has raised concerns about environmental issues. Lack of good design for these works to create a surfaced track crossing land behind the Village Hall has led to the redirection of field runoff on to the driveway from The Street past the Village Hall to Kettleburgh Hall, increasing the risk of flooding. Prolonged rainfall on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> October and 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 saw the Village Hall and property on The Street impacted by water running down the driveway, on top of other runoff. The Village Hall and March House had water ingress, requiring sandbagging. The applicant had to create a dam across the track. There may be other so far unseen impacts on the hydrology of the surrounding land, at least some of which is probably based on sand.

The applicant has verbally described plans for new drainage near the Village Hall. Council would be pleased to look at a revised application including a robust Flood and Water drainage plan. It should also take on board the imperative need for developments to be ecologically sound including the recommendation of the Landscape Report to use native planting.

Yours sincerely,

*[Signed electronically]*

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Clerk to Kettleburgh Parish Council  
Encl. (none)